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Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Area **Walleye Pollock Pelagic Trawl Fishery Closes** **Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-05-22**

The directed fishery for walleye pollock *Gadus chalcogrammus* using pelagic trawl gear in the Prince William Sound Area (PWS; Registration Area E) **will close at 8:00 a.m. February 1.**

The directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery in the PWS Inside District opened January 20 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 6.44 million lb. Based on projected harvest levels, the GHL will be achieved.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is Essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishers should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

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